



TAKING HIM HOME.

DESERTED FROM THE NAVY  
AND WALKED TO ST. LOUIS.

Emile F. Martin Makes His Way  
to His Home in This City From  
San Francisco on Foot.

ON THE ROAD FORTY DAYS.

Arrested by Detectives in Tower  
Grove Park, Martin Indicates  
That He Came to See His  
Sweetheart.



Young St. Louis Jack far who became homeless at Mare Island walked most of  
the distance to St. Louis, completing the journey in forty days.

After consuming forty days in a tiresome  
journey on foot and in freight cars to his  
home in St. Louis from San Francisco,  
Cal., Emile F. Martin was arrested yester-  
day afternoon, charged with deserting from  
the United States Navy. Detective Lee Kil-  
lian, who made the arrest, will accompany  
him back to the navy yard at Mare Island,  
near San Francisco, as soon as the proper  
arrangements can be made.

Martin, who is 19 years old, ran away  
from his home at No. 419 Flad avenue,  
where he lived with his widowed mother,  
and enlisted in the United States Navy at  
Chicago, Ill., on February 27, the same day  
that James J. Pinneran of St. Louis en-  
listed. Martin was sent to the training  
ship Independence in the navy yards at  
Mare Island, near San Francisco. Pinneran  
was dispatched to the Brooklyn Navy Yard,  
from which he deserted ten days ago. Pin-  
neran was arrested last week in St. Louis  
after wedding his sweetheart, whom he  
came back to marry.

Martin refuses to discuss the case. When  
he was arrested yesterday afternoon he  
asked Detective Killian to take him to the  
house of a girl he wanted to tell good-by,  
but the officer did not comply, and failed  
to ascertain her name.

Martin said he was on the training ship  
twenty-eight days. He said he found the  
life of a jack far from what he ex-  
pected it to be, and on the advice of an old  
sailor, he deserted. One day he procured  
a newspaper which he had been reading  
and a penny in his pocket, he began the  
long journey homeward.

## WIFE THOUGHT HIM ASLEEP.

Mrs. Carroll Went to Call Hus-  
band and Found Him Dead.

When Mrs. James F. Carroll of No. 1388  
Wash street went to call her husband to  
supper last night she found him dead in  
his easy chair. It is thought that he  
passed away at 11:30 o'clock in the morn-  
ing. A newspaper which he had been read-  
ing lay in his lap and the body rested in  
such a position that his wife thought all  
the time that her husband had simply  
dozed off.

Carroll went downtown yesterday morn-  
ing and returned home at 11 o'clock. He  
entered his room, sat down in a rocking  
chair and proceeded to read the paper.

In a few minutes he was apparently  
sound asleep and his wife did not ap-  
proach him, fearing to disturb his slumber.  
She did not approach him until 5:45 o'clock,  
when she called him to supper. He made  
no response and she caught him by the  
shoulder. To her amazement, she found  
his body cold and stiff. She quickly sum-  
moned Doctor Bradley of No. 1013 North  
Twenty-first street, who said that death  
had occurred several hours previous.

Doctor Bradley said death was caused by  
a paralytic stroke. Carroll was 39 years  
old.

## SALVATION ARMY RECRUIT.

New Arrival in the Family of Ad-  
jutant John Bree.

There was general rejoicing in the Sal-  
vation Army barracks at No. 141 Franklin  
yesterday when it was announced  
that the army had received an addition to  
its ranks in the person of William General

Booth Bree, born to Mr. and Mrs. Adjutant  
John Bree.

The baby has not yet been formally given  
his four names, but this matter will be at-  
tended to with great exactness on Sunday, May  
20. John Bree is commander of the local  
contingent of the Salvation Army, and the  
whole organization will be present at the  
christening.

## TWO MINERS KILLED.

Shot Had Been Placed the Night  
Before and Had Failed.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Carthage, Mo., May 12.—A mine disaster  
occurred this morning at 2 o'clock, at the  
Pleasant Valley mines, resulting in the in-  
stant death of Charles Claiborne and Wil-  
liam Morrison, and seriously injuring John  
Paxton.

The two men who were killed were oper-  
ating a steam drill and struck a shot which  
they had put in and failed to explode. It  
killed both men and seriously injured John  
Paxton, falling beyond the stoke, and  
falling upon Paxton, whose back and head  
were severely cut and bruised.

Claiborne was a married man, living in  
Carthage. Morrison was a single man, liv-  
ing at Joplin.

At the coroner's inquest, held to-day, a  
verdict of accidental killing was returned.  
Superintendent Hall has given a caution  
to the ground boss, knowing that some of  
the shots put in the night before had not  
been reported as exploded.

MRS. MCKINLEY FALLS ILL;  
TAKEN TO SAN FRANCISCO.ST. LOUIS MAN PULLS PRESIDENT'S  
SPECIAL TRAIN ON RECORD RUN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
San Francisco, Cal., May 12.—The engineer who pulled the special train bear-  
ing Mrs. McKinley into San Francisco was Joseph P. Hays, a St. Louis boy,  
formerly a Washash engineer, and who was brought out to the coast by his dis-  
tinguished namesake, Charles M. Hays, the president of the Southern Pacific. He  
made the run from San Jose to San Francisco, forty-nine miles, in thirty-eight  
minutes. The trip was made without incident, with the exception that all the  
decorations were torn off the beautiful engine by air friction.

President Accompanies Her and  
Plans of the Tour Are Tem-  
porarily Disarranged.

IS SAID TO BE IMPROVING.

San Francisco, Cal., May 12.—The sudden  
illness of Mrs. McKinley has caused an un-  
expected change in the itinerary of Presi-  
dent McKinley. He arrived in this city  
yesterday afternoon, several hours ahead  
of the time scheduled.

The state of Mrs. McKinley's health was  
such this morning that the President de-  
cided to leave Del Monte and bring his  
wife to this city immediately to the home of  
Henry T. Scott, where she could have com-  
plete rest for a few days, and where a spe-  
cialist could be consulted if necessary.

A special of two cars and a locomotive  
was made up from the President's special  
and at 12:30 o'clock the President, Mrs. Mc-  
Kinley, Miss Barber, Secretary Cortelyou  
and wife, Doctor Rixey and Mr. Scott and  
wife left Del Monte for San Francisco, leav-  
ing the remainder of the presidential  
party at Del Monte.

The President, in order to avoid the crowd  
that was expected to assemble at the South-  
ern Pacific depot, left the train at a sta-  
tion in the southern part of the city. Mrs.  
McKinley was carried in a steamer chair  
by two colored men, and the President  
carried in a closed carriage in waiting. She  
was heavily veiled, and the President and  
Doctor Rixey followed close behind. Mrs.  
McKinley was gently placed in the carriage  
and the President and Doctor Rixey took the  
seats in the same vehicle. The President

## DOCTOR RIXEY'S STATEMENT.

Mrs. McKinley stood the trip from  
Del Monte much better than I ex-  
pected. Her condition is not seri-  
ous. She will stay here at least a  
week and have perfect rest. I think  
by that time she will be able to con-  
tinue the journey. She has been  
gaining strength all afternoon.

Not Alarming.  
Secretary Cortelyou, when questioned  
concerning Mrs. McKinley's condition, stated  
that there was nothing alarming in her pre-  
sent indisposition, and that perfect quiet and  
rest for a few days would restore her to her  
usual health. It was the impression, how-  
ever, of those who saw Mrs. McKinley, that  
she is very ill, and that her present state  
may result in an entire change of the Presi-  
dent's program.

Should his wife's health improve, the  
President will carry out his intention to at-  
tend the celebration at San Jose to-morrow.  
However, her condition to-morrow is no  
better than to-day, the President will not  
leave his wife's side, but will allow the  
Cabinet officers and others of his party to  
represent him at San Jose.

Mrs. McKinley bruised her hand several  
days ago while the train was rounding a  
curve. A bone felon formed and was so pain-  
ful that Mrs. McKinley was unable to sleep  
last night or this morning, though Doctor  
Rixey twice relieved her by lancing the af-  
fected hand.

PHILANTHROPIST PEARSONS  
PLEASED WITH MISSOURI.

Manly Sons of the State Determine  
Him to Devote His Wealth  
to Education in  
the West.

NOT A CENT EAST OF CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill., May 12.—After a tour of the  
West, including visits to several colleges  
which had been the objects of his benefac-  
tions, Doctor D. K. Pearsons has returned  
to Chicago and announced that he has  
drawn a line through Chicago and has dis-  
herited everything and everybody east of  
that line from any share in the money he  
still expects to give away.

Not one penny, Doctor Pearsons says, ever  
will go to any institution east of Chicago.  
The million or two dollars which he in-  
tends to dispose of within the next year is  
all for the West.

Doctor Pearsons's statement was drawn  
out partly by the visit of a trustee of Mid-  
dletown, Vt., college, who came here to  
seek an addition to his endowment fund.

"Missouri Determined Him."  
"I came back from Missouri with my  
mind made up," said Doctor Pearsons to a  
reporter. "I have drawn a chalk line north  
and south through Chicago, and I shall  
never go east of that line."

"I have not forgotten Chicago, and I  
am going to do something handsome for  
the city before long. I have my plans all  
laid out."

"After I saw those tall, clear-eyed young  
fellows out in Missouri, I made up my  
mind where the rest of my money should  
go."

"Retires From Business."  
Doctor Pearsons at last has retired from  
business in Chicago. Hereafter he will de-  
vote himself to gardening, raising chickens  
and driving about the country near his  
place at Hinsdale.

Speaking of his plans and his recent West-  
ern trip, Doctor Pearsons said:  
"I spent four weeks at Eureka Springs.

## PEARSONS'S TRIBUTE

"After I saw those tall, clear-eyed  
young fellows out in Missouri, I made up  
my mind where the rest of  
my money should go."

"I have drawn a chalk line north  
and south through Chicago, and I  
shall never go east of that line."

"Four weeks at Eureka Springs,  
Mo., made me feel like a man 35  
years old."

and I have come back here feeling like a  
man 35 years old. Even at that I went  
there for my wife's health, not for my own.  
Before going to the springs I visited Spring-  
field, Mo., where I am building a science  
hall for Drury College. There are 200 of  
the finest-looking young fellows and girls  
there you ever saw.

"There are Indians there, too, keen-eyed  
young fellows. I did not promise them any-  
thing, but I am going down there after while to  
look at their school. I believe in educating  
the Indians."

## STRICKEN ON THE STAGE.

Truly Shattuck Couldn't Do Her  
Turn at Columbia.

Truly Shattuck, a vaudeville actress at  
the Columbia Theater, last night was seised  
with a fainting spell while going through  
her act, and fell unconscious in the stage  
wings. Later she became so sick that a  
carriage had to be called to take her to her  
hotel.

Miss Shattuck complained of dizziness in  
the head "before going on." She appeared  
on the stage for a minute, and started to  
sing. The audience noticed Miss Shattuck  
clutch her throat, and then retreat toward  
the wings. The orchestra came to the  
rescue, and played until the curtain was  
raised on the next act.

STEAMER CITY OF  
PADUCAH SINKS.

Vessel Goes Down Near Grand  
Tower, Ill., and Several Per-  
sons Are Drowned.

Special telegrams to The Republic this  
morning announce that the steamer City of  
Paducah, of the St. Louis and Tennessee  
River Packet Company, had sunk at Grand  
Tower, Ill., while it was making for that  
port last evening.

Several persons are reported drowned. The  
Paducah left St. Louis Saturday evening for  
a ten-day trip in the Tennessee River trade.  
She carried a small cargo and a small list  
of passengers.

John H. Massengale, manager of the St.  
Louis and Tennessee Packet Company,  
who lives at No. 5353 Clemens avenue, re-  
ceived a telegram at 2 o'clock this morn-  
ing that the boat had sunk. It was from  
John M. Truett, clerk, and gave no de-  
tails nor statement as to casualties or fa-  
talities. The message came from Grand  
Tower.

The Paducah was a 600-ton vessel and was  
built nine years ago. She was a stern-  
wheeler and cost \$15,000. Captain Kirkpatrick,  
one of the oldest rivermen, was her master,  
having had command of the vessel since she  
went into commission.

## REFORMATION SUSPENDED.

Leader in the Moral Uplifting Car-  
ried Away by a Heartless  
Sheriff.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Mattoon, Ill., May 12.—Thomas A. Reese,  
a prominent resident of Atwood, is in cus-  
tody at Tuscola on an indictment charging  
him with forgery.

It is alleged that three months ago Reese  
bought out the business of R. M. Stanniger  
of Atwood, and in the deal issued an order  
for \$200, to which he attached the name  
of J. F. Bishop without the latter's knowl-  
edge or consent. When the discrepancy was  
discovered Reese disappeared and the au-  
thorities have been on his trail ever since.

Reformed and Turned Editor.  
Last week Sheriff Moon of Douglas County  
learned that Reese was located at Wea-  
leau, Hermitage County, Mo., and was edit-  
ing a Weaubleau newspaper, while the  
owner, Theodore Pruitt, was away on a va-  
cation in the East. It is said that, during  
his brief stay, Reese conducted the paper  
on a highly moral plane and had become  
prominently identified with the moral el-  
ement of the village. He had allied himself  
with the church and been elected superin-  
tendent of a Sunday school.

LEADING TOPICS  
IN  
TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Fair Monday and Tues-  
day; north to east winds.  
For Illinois—Fair Monday and Tues-  
day; warmer Tuesday; fresh to brisk  
northerly winds.  
For Arkansas—Partly cloudy Mon-  
day, probably showers; cooler in  
western portion; probably showers  
Tuesday.

1. Slew His Wife on Public Highway.  
Millionaire as Policeman.  
Pleased With Missouri.
2. To Meet in New York.  
Strong Indications of Oil.
3. Sermons and Services.  
Entries for To-day.  
Oppose Chicago Dictation.
4. Chicago Wins From St. Louis.  
Baseball Scores.  
Entries for To-day.  
Oppose Chicago Dictation.
5. State Shoot.  
First Regiment Marches to Forest Park.  
How Money Kings Battle.  
Union Station Park.
6. Editorial.  
Competitions Not Favored by Pan-Amer-  
ican Managers.  
Edna May Signed by Charles Frohman.  
Stage People Wed.
7. News From the East Side Cities.  
Newport Society Divorce Seekers.  
Buckshot in His Mouth.  
"Shenby" Smith in Custody.
8. Republic Want Advertisements.  
9. Republic Want Advertisements.
10. Grain and Produce Markets.
11. Changes Desired in City Charter.  
St. Louisans in San Antonio.  
Back From the Philippines.  
Mistook Watchman for Thief.

SLEW HIS WIFE ON  
THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

Merritt Chism, Illinois Land Owner, Insane With Rage, Stabs and  
Chops Her Face to Shreds and Then Crushes Her Skull, While  
His Twelve-Year-Old Boy Bravely Battles for His Mother's  
Life—Murderer Attempts Suicide and Then Surrenders.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Bloomington, Ill., May 12.—The most fend-  
ish and sensational wife murder in the his-  
tory of McLean County occurred to-day,  
the murderer being one of the wealthiest  
men of White Oak Township, the owner of  
700 acres and worth nearly a quarter mil-  
lion. The perpetrator of the brutal deed is  
Merritt Chism, aged 49, son of the late  
Jesse Chism, pioneer farmer and capitalist.  
He was born and raised on the farm, upon  
which he slew his wife.

Quarrelled About Children and Prop-  
erty.

Chism's first wife died six years ago, leav-  
ing eleven children. Two years ago Chism  
married Mrs. Freeland, widow of John Free-  
land, of Normal, Ill., who was killed in a  
runaway. She was, when married, keeping  
a boarding-house at Carlock, Ill.

Chism and she have been living unhap-  
pily, quarrelling about the children and prop-  
erty matters. She had several children by  
Freeland, of whom one son, Harvey, aged  
12, was one of the prominent figures of to-  
day's tragedy.

This morning Mrs. Chism was going to  
church at Normal, ten miles away. Some  
quarrel arose as to what horse should be  
used. Finally she was about to start in a  
buggy with Stella and Mattie Chism, her  
stepdaughters, aged 9 and 7.

As they were about to leave the barn,  
Chism said: "Now, let's kiss and make up."

Mrs. Chism tauntingly replied: "Better  
go upstairs to do your kissing," evidently  
referring to Chism's daughter, Imo, aged  
16, who was at a second-story window.

This remark enraged Chism, who seemed  
to lose his reason and become a demon.

Drawing a knife, Chism climbed into the  
buggy. Throwing the children out, he  
seized his wife, pushed her back against  
the seat and cut, slashed and stabbed her  
face into mince-meat. He repeatedly cut  
her neck and slashed her scalp.

He then threw her out of the buggy, as  
she was screaming and begging for mercy,  
the blood pouring in torrents from her  
head and face, and deliberately jumped up  
on her prostrate form. Seizing her hand, he  
pulled up her arm and stabbed her repeat-  
edly.

## Boy Fought for His Mother's Life.

Her brave little son, Harvey, seized a  
ball bat and struck at Chism. The blow  
was not hard enough to stun the fiend, who  
wrested the bat from the lad's hand and  
struck the writhing form of his wife three  
times. These blows crushed her skull and  
scattered her brains upon the highway.

## Tried to Stay the Murderer's Hand.

The boy jumped upon his stepfather's  
back and seized the hand in which Chism  
still held the bloody knife. Chism drew  
the knife through the boy's hand, almost  
cutting off the fingers, and struck a sav-  
age blow at his neck, the knife cutting a  
deep gash in the boy's arm.

## Attempted His Own Life.

Leaving his wife dead in the road, Chism  
fled across the fields. A quarter of a mile  
away he jumped into a stock well, but the  
water was not deep enough to drown him,  
and he climbed out and ran on to the house  
of his son, where he related what had oc-  
curred.

The son got Chism into a buggy and  
drove to Bloomington, where the murderer  
gave himself up to the Sheriff. He will  
not say a word regarding the murder, or  
the cause which led to it.

PANIC WAS LOGICAL RESULT OF  
WIDESPREAD SPECULATIVE DEBAUCH.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
New York, May 12.—In comparison with  
the panic of Thursday and the incident con-  
tributory thereto, all other events of the  
financial week sing into insignificance. The  
recovery on Friday was remarkable, reflect-  
ing the remarkable break of the preceding  
day. If one slams a rubber ball on the earth,  
the greater the impelling force, the greater  
will be the rebound.

Thursday's break was cyclonic. The force  
and fury of the panic responded in Fri-  
day's recovery. Neither the break of the one  
nor the recovery of the other measured the  
weakness or strength or true temper of the  
condition, but meanwhile, it is certain that  
confidence has been rudely disturbed. Custom-  
ers have been injured and brokers have  
received a caution. Affairs, after a process  
of readjustment, will proceed on more nor-  
mal lines than heretofore.

## Acting Regardless of Reason.

It is the prevailing notion now, and prob-  
ably will be in the future, that a disclosure  
of a stock corner in Northern Pacific com-  
mon stock precipitated the panic. It was, in-  
deed, terrifying to the speculative mind to  
see the issue bounding up 30 to 30 points a  
day, and finally to \$100 a share, and the  
premiums for the use of the stock over-  
night mounting until it exceeded the par  
value of the certificate twice over. The tem-  
per of the market was such that brokers  
and speculators needed only an excuse.

## Panic Was a Logical Climax.

Conditions were abnormal, prices were in-  
flated and, if it had not been the Northern

Pacific corner, something else would have  
tripped the market and forced the readjust-  
ment of values. The crash, though, might  
have been deferred, but it could not be  
avoided, for the forces might have been min-  
imized, but the result would not have been  
vastly different in the end.

Sweet Uses of Adversity.  
It is in order to talk of the fearful finan-  
cial tempest as senseless and unnecessary.  
Such is not the case. A desperate disease  
requires desperate remedy. The break of  
Thursday, measured by the good it may  
accomplish as an object lesson to break of  
speculation, and as a warning to the specu-  
lator, will prove a benefit, rather than a  
disaster.

It is a pity that any innocent person  
should suffer just as it is a pity that there  
should ever be in this beautiful world, ill-  
ness and poverty and bereavement. Wean  
an entire community, in a marvellously  
prosperous country, however, turns aside  
from the ordinary course of industry,  
seizes upon commercial prosperity as an  
excuse for stock gambling and carries this  
to a point where common sense is supplanted  
by dementia, and a whole people is  
threatened with a debauchery of specula-  
tion, that even is a blessing rather than a  
curse that restores reason and turns the  
stream of enterprise back into its accu-  
stomed channel.

## The Old World Ways On.

The condition of the country is by no  
means changed. Railroad earnings continue  
favorable, despite the rupture in the har-  
mony of interest project. General business  
is satisfactory and in the morning the stock  
market will quiet down and proceed on  
normal lines.

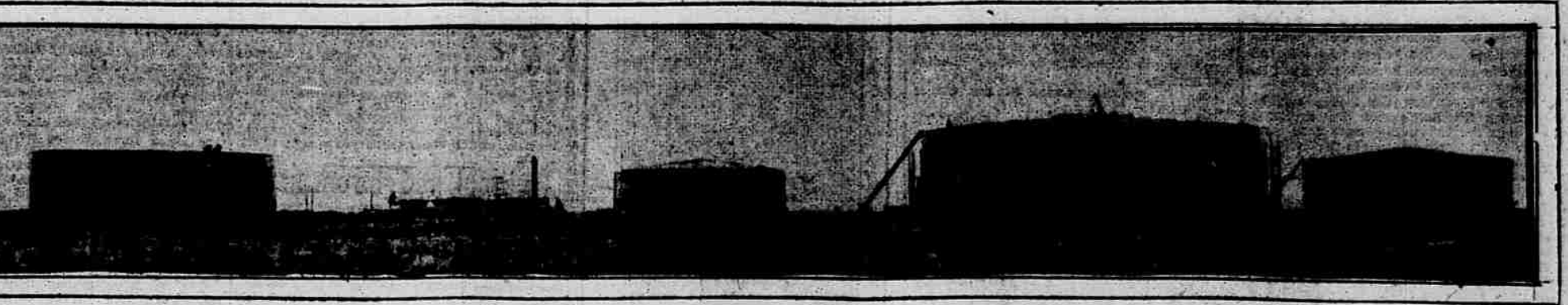
That no failures should have followed the  
financial tempest is remarkable, but, of  
course, a readjustment must follow.

MILLIONAIRE SOCIETY LEADER  
SWORN IN AS A POLICEMAN.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 12.—Harry Hamlin, millionaire society leader and a mem-  
ber of one of Buffalo's oldest and most aristocratic families, has caused a sensa-  
tion in the city by becoming a special city policeman. Mr. Hamlin took the  
oath incidental to the appointment Saturday morning.

Just why Mr. Hamlin desired to become a policeman has not yet been learned.  
He went to the office of the Police Commissioners Saturday morning and had a  
long conference with those officials. At the conclusion of the interview Police  
Commissioner Cooper called in his clerk, and then swore Mr. Hamlin in as a  
special city policeman. It is understood that Mr. Hamlin at first asked to be  
appointed a detective. Upon being informed that such a position could be at-  
tained only by a civil service examination and appointment, the millionaire agreed  
to compromise on the appointment as special policeman.

## PIPE LINE TO MARKET BEAUMONT'S OIL.



OIL TANKS ERECTED AT PORT ARTHUR, TEX. THE CAPACITY OF EACH IS 50,000 BARRELS.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Beaumont, Tex., May 12.—Wealthy and  
influential Texas are projecting a plan to  
pipe Beaumont oil to all the great manu-  
facturing and industrial centers of the  
State, taking in such cities as Houston,  
Waco, Hillsboro, Ennis, New Birmingham,  
Dallas and Fort Worth, as well as many  
others.

The idea of the originators is to construct  
pipe lines and erect tanks of sufficient  
capacity to insure a permanent supply of  
oil for use as fuel in factories under sta-  
tionary boilers, and on locomotives. It is  
estimated that from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000  
will be required to put this plan into suc-  
cessful operation. Then men who are tak-  
ing an active interest in the project are  
associates of ex-Governor Hogg in his  
transactions in Beaumont oil lands.

Although confirmation of the report has  
not been obtained from the ex-Governor  
himself, it is said that he is an enthusiastic  
advocate of the undertaking.

The fact that James W. Swayne, the Fort  
Worth attorney, who negotiated Mr. Hogg's  
recent purchase of 1,000 acres of land south

of the gushers, is known to be one of the  
moving spirits in the project, would tend  
to establish the ex-Governor's connection  
with it.

Since Mr. Hogg and his associates ac-  
quired this land it has vastly increased in  
value until it is now said to be worth  
\$2,000,000.

The ex-Governor is reported to have made  
a cool million out of the deal, figuring on a  
basis of the price at which the property is  
now held on the market.

According to information received here,  
Mr. Hogg and his associates in the land  
deal intend to organize a company to bore  
for oil extensively on this tract.

## Seeking Market in Texas.

The pipe-line project is the natural out-  
growth of the question of disposing of the  
product of the wells, all of the men in-  
terested being confident that oil will be  
found in abundance as on Spindletop Hill.

Mr. Swayne has believed from the start  
that there is a market for Beaumont's oil  
in Texas, and his plan is to construct a  
distribution system on a gigantic scale,  
touching the principal fuel-consuming cen-  
ters in the State.

It is argued that a company owning its  
pipe lines and storage tanks could be in-  
dependent of the railroads in the matter of  
transportation, at the same time being in a  
position to furnish oil at such prices that  
the railroads could not afford to ignore the  
opportunity to use it on their locomotives in  
place of coal.

## Proposition for St. Louis Capital.

The distance from Beaumont to Dallas is  
250 miles. To construct a pipe line of such  
length would require a large outlay of cap-  
ital. The promoters expect to obtain a por-  
tion of this from the Central West, and it is  
not unlikely that Mr. Swayne will visit St.  
Louis to submit the proposition to the mon-  
eyed men of the city.

Mr. Hogg gave out a characteristic inter-  
view yesterday on the criticism by the New  
York delegation, which recently toured the  
State, of Texas laws which he was instru-  
mental in having passed. The interview  
appears in this morning's Houston Post and  
is as follows:

## Warm Shot for Critics.

"I am too busy now to vilify those free-  
lunch sore-loed knights of the curbstone,  
who came through here recently to criticize

Texas citizens and condemn Texas laws.  
Next time New York permits a gang to  
come among us I hope she will have a  
sprinkling of Waldorf waiters to teach them  
the civilities of life, and especially, that it  
is the height of grossness to condemn a  
people and their institutions while junket-  
ing around as their guests. I was proud to  
see that St. Louis crowd of very respectable  
capitalists and gentlemen visit us recently.  
While our people may not be very polished,  
they know the difference between pol-  
ite-ness and self-respecting gentlemen."

## More Standard Oil Rumors.

A party of gentlemen from the East ar-  
rived at Port Arthur Saturday. It is com-  
mon rumor that they represent the Standard  
Oil Company, but it is impossible, of course,  
to verify this.

A tank barge, said to have been towed  
by a Standard Company tug, has been load-  
ed at the Port from the Gulf tanks and is  
to be towed through the Sabine Pass and  
be towed to Eastern ports.

The feeling in Beaumont to-day has been  
excellent. It predicted on all sides that this  
week will witness many large deals. Last  
week's record was a surprise to those who

look the surface indications as the basis  
of their opinion that things were quiet. The  
figures from the recorder's office on Satur-  
day showed it to have been the most sub-  
stantial week in the history of the boom.  
Beaumont has been quiet to-day. The usual  
growth came in from Texas and Louisiana  
crops, to look over the oil fields.

## TEXARKANA'S OIL PROSPECTS.

Three New Wells, Showing Indica-  
tions, Awaken Keen Interest.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.  
Texarkana, Tex., May 12.—Three other  
wells besides the one on Doctor Oliver's  
tract at Park Post Office, Texas, have been  
drilled, are betraying unmistakable evidence  
of a strong oil flow.